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TO AMEMBASSY VIENTIANE IMMEDIATE

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TAGS: MOPS, PINS, LA

SUBJECT: DEAN CASE

REF: VIENTIANE 310

1. ALTHOUGH WE HAVE NOT REPLIED TO REFTEL UNTIL NOW, DEPARTMENT HAS ACTED IN ACCORDANCE ACTIONS SUGGESTED THEREIN BY CALLING IN LAO AMBASSADOR AND HAS NOTED THAT EMBASSY HAS, IN TURN, TAKEN ALL PROPOSED ACTIONS EXCEPT PRESS CONFERENCE (PARA 3) AND WARNING TO PRIVATE AMERICAN CITIZENS (PARA 7). ALSO, MRS. DEAN IS UNDERTAKING PROPOSED TRIP.

2. AS CONCERNS EMBASSY PRESS CONFERENCE AND DEPARTMENT STATEMENT, WE BELIEVE THESE SHOULD BOTH AWAIT RESULTS OF MRS. DEAN'S TRIP AT LEAST. THIS SHOULD PERMIT TIME FOR PROMISED LPF INVESTIGATION AND ALLOW LPF TIME TO MAKE OBVIOUS FAVORABLE GESTURE OF RELEASE PRIOR TO OR AT TIME OF MRS. DEAN'S VISIT.

3. IF NOTHING HAS TRANSPIRED OR ADVANCED BY END OF MRS.

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DEAN'S EFFORTS, WE COULD THEN CONSIDER WHETHER PRESS CON-

REFERENCE EITHER BY HER AND SHARMAN'S FIANCE OR JOINTLY WITH US AND AUSTRALIAN AMBASSADORS, GOING INTO EFFORTS OBTAIN DEAN AND SHARMAN RELEASES, WOULD BE HELPFUL STEP.

4. THEN, IF NO REACTION OBTAINED, WE COULD CONSIDER HAVING DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN ISSUE STATEMENT, AS WELL AS OTHER ACTIONS.

5. PROPOSED LETTERS FROM SECRETARY TO PHOUMI AND SOUVANNA ARE STILL UNDER CONSIDERATION. INGERSOLL

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